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Ms. Brona Simon
State Historic Preservation Officer
Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, MA 02125

Re: Application for Massachusetts State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit
Holy Family School, Rockland

Dear Ms. Simon:

I am writing to you on behalf of Preservation Massachusetts in support of Connolly and Partners, LLC's application for the Holy Family School project, located 6 Delprete Avenue in Rockland for the Massachusetts Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit (MHRTC). Preservation Massachusetts is the statewide historic preservation non-profit organization and by Massachusetts Regulations 830 CMR 63.38R.1, our organization reviews each project seeking state tax credits.

Holy Family School was constructed between 1964 and 1965 as part of the Holy Family Parish Complex in Rockland. As part of the Boston Archdiocese, it was also the only Catholic Parish in the community, becoming a spiritual and social home for residents of Irish descent. Holy Family was designed by John A. McPherson, a well-known Boston architect to specialized in ecclesiastic architecture. The three story, red brick school served the parish and its students but is currently vacant.

The successful rehabilitation of the Holy Family School will create 27 units of affordable housing, all of them affordable. The project proponent also intends to apply for the federal rehabilitation tax credit, so all work will comply with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*. This project appears to meet the criteria for eligibility for the MHRTC. Please note, however, that we are not able to certify the project's compliance with the applicable tax regulations. I strongly urge your favorable consideration of historic tax credits for this project that will restore an important part of Rockland's history while continuing an active and conscious investment in its historic resources as a means to economic and community revitalization and community services.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

Erin D. A. Kelly, Executive Director
Preservation Massachusetts